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Through a reliable channel from regular sources who state that the report
"has the authority" of Salayman Bey Tugan.

Attached for your retention is one copy of a report containing the
views of Salayman Bey Tugan on West Bank support for Hajj Amin al-Husseini.

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West Jordan and the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM

The following views on West Bank support for Haj AMIN al-HUSAINI were expressed in private conversations by SULEIMAN TUQAN, a member of the Jordan Council of State.

1. The assassination of King ABDULLAH was followed by a wave of opposition on the West Bank to the idea of the ex-Mufti. As a result however, of the anti-West^{Bank} policy of the Jordanian Prime Minister, TEWFIQ (Pasha) ABUL HUDA, Palestine Arab opinion is now swinging back in favour of Haj AMIN. TUQAN reckons that this pro-Mufti feeling may crystallize shortly into more positive shape once it is learnt that the Government intends to dismiss 30 more Palestinians from their posts as a result of a reorganization inside the Ministry of the Interior. He anticipates a campaign against ABUL HUDA throughout the Arab States which will have the effect of increasing Haj AMIN's prestige and emboldening his adherents.
2. The HUSAINI family in JERUSALEM is already encouraging the idea of having Haj AMIN as ruler of Jordan. They declare that if King TALAL is found incapable of ruling he should be succeeded by a Palestinian since the majority of the population of Jordan is from the West Bank.

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